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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH B.C. PREMIER BENNETT

1. AT AUGUST 24 MEETING IN VICTORIA WITH PREMIER BENNETT AND MINISTERS DAVIS (ENERGY) AND NIELSEN (ENVIRONMENT), AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED PRESENT STATE OF USG-GOC ALCAN GAS PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS AND INDICATED AN AGREEMENT COULD PROBABLY BE REACHED. BENNETT CONFIRMED THAT ALCAN ROUTE POSED NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM FOR B.C., BUT SAID THAT B.C., ALBERTA AND THE YUKON WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A "JOINT POLITICAL LEVEL" MEETING WITH OTTAWA IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PROVINCIAL CONCERN SUCH AS CANADIAN CONTENT AND EMPLOYMENT ON THE PROJECT.

2. AMBASSADOR RAISED SERIOUS MATTER OF PRESENT US.-CANADIAN IMPASSE ON QUESTION OF VESSEL SEPARATION IN PUGET SOUND, ARGUING THAT U.S. COULD NOT HAND OVER VETO ON CRITICAL OIL TRADE TO CANADA. PREMIER AND HIS MINISTERS WERE (REMARKABLY) UNINFORMED ON THIS MATTER. BENNETT RECOGNIZED B.C. INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE VTM REGIME AND ASKED DAVIS TO CONTACT CANADIAN FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

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3. SUBJECT OF RAISING ROSS DAM AROSE AND NIELSEN SAID THAT B.C. HAS MADE A VERY GOOD OFFER AT REASONABLE COST TO SEATTLE CITY LIGHT FOR ENERGY SUPPLY FROM PEND D'OREILLE DAM AND FOR ACCESS TO EXISTING EXCESS STORAGE CAPACITY AT ONE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER DAMS. NIELSEN SAID NO REPLY HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM SEATTLE AND NOTED THAT MATTER WAS POSSIBLY BECOMING A LOCAL SEATTLE CITY ELECTION ISSUE (SEE

SEPTTEL FOR REPLY RECEIVED THAT AFTERNOON).

4. RE THE WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY, AMBASSADOR TOLD BENNETT THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT A COORDINATED APPROACH TO TANKER TRAFFIC AND OIL SUPPLY, RECOGNIZING THAT BOTH B.C. AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CAN NO LONGER RELY ON OIL FROM THE CENTER OF THE CONTINENT. CONFIDENTIAL

BENNETT SAID HE HOPED TO PERSUADE OTTAWA TO CONTINUE TO ROUTE ALBERTA OIL TO B.C., IF NECESSARY REVERSING THE SARNIA/MONTREAL PIPELINE. B.C.'S CLAIM IS AS GOOD AS QUEBEC'S, BENNETT SAID, NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE SARNIA/MONTREAL LINE BECAME "AN INTERNATIONAL PIPELINE." COMMENT: WE ARE CLEARLY NOT GOING TO GET B.C. TO BITE ON KITIMAT UNTIL AND UNLESS OTTAWA TELLS BENNETT IT IS GOING TO PHASE OUT CENTRAL CANADA SUPPLY AVAILABILITIES IN THE 1980'S. WE SHOULD START WORKING ON THE NEB AND EMR TO DO SO AT AN EARLY POINT. LUPPI

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